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## Top events coming up at SWOSU

- **James Breckenridge Piano Competition**, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Fine Arts Center, Saturday, Feb. 25
- **Women's and Men's basketball vs. Ouachita Baptist**. 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 in the Pioneer Cellular Events Center.

## WEEKLY WEATHER

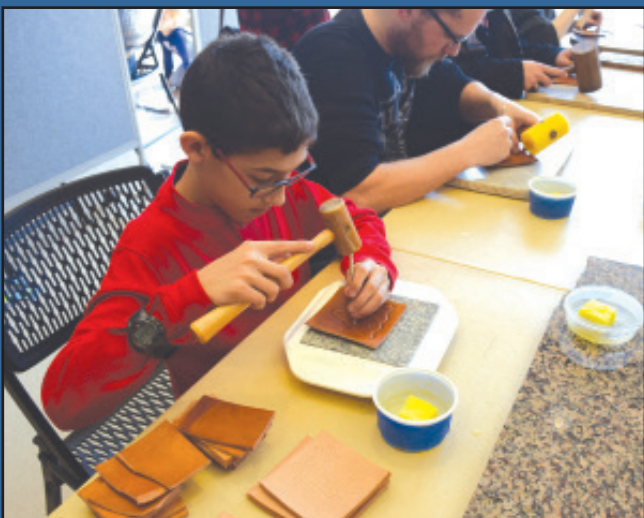
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## SWOSU Snapshot

A medieval arts and crafts show was held Saturday, February 18. It was hosted by the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre.

Photos by Harry Le & Maggie Tran



## Blitz set for Thursday

By Delmi Menendez  
*Staff Reporter*

Southwestern's annual Bulldog Blitz Talent Show hosted by the Collegiate Activities Board will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb 23 in the Fine Arts Center.

According to members of C.A.B., this is a free community event created to give SWOSU students a chance to show off their skills. Participants can only be SWOSU students.

"Auditions were held last month in which they were judged. Based on those judgments, only a certain few are selected to perform for the event," said Manuel Martinez, C.A.B member.

"Contestants can either perform by themselves or with a group. Individual contestants have the opportunity at a chance to win \$500 while those with a group

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## Administration promotes safe Spring Break week

By Evan James Edler  
*Staff Reporter*

The week that every college student looks forward to during the spring semester is fast approaching. This week of course, is spring break. The words "Spring Break" are synonymous with vacation, relaxation, and of course, partying.

But along with the good times, spring break also brings a set of dangers that any reveling student may encounter.

Spring break party destinations make for fertile grounds for sexual assault, the transmission of STDs, arrest by authorities, injury, and especially alcohol poisoning.

In an effort to help students make the most of their spring break while also raising awareness for the potential dangers that they may face, SWOSU's administration is conducting a safe spring break promotion week.

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## Summer, fall enrollment now open

By Kathy Martinez  
*Staff Reporter*

Enrollment for the summer and fall semesters began for seniors and juniors this week.

As of Monday, seniors with 90 or more semester hours completed, juniors, with 60 or more semester hours completed and all graduate students can now enroll.

"Personally, working in the registrar's office, its an exciting time," Kierra Prewitt, communications major senior from Cordell said. "It gets hectic, but it's always great to see students plan their future by staying at SWOSU."

Many students have already pre-enrolled with their advisors.

On Feb. 27 sophomores who have completed 30 or more semester hours will also be able to start enrollment with approval by their advisor.

"I'm pretty excited to enroll for another semester," says Logan Boese, nursing major sophomore from Elk City. "I will be taking summer classes for the first time this year."

Lastly, on March 6, freshmen and others who have not yet enrolled may enroll with their advisor's approval.

Students who have not enrolled yet or whose enrollment dates have not come up yet, may arrange advisement for the coming summer and fall semesters.



# NEWS



## Piano contest in SWOSU campus this Saturday

Young elementary and high school students from several high schools are preparing for an upcoming piano contest next week. The James Breckenridge Memorial Piano Competition will be on Feb. 25 in the Music Building and the Fine Arts Center.

The grades will be split up into different divisions. Grades 1-3 will be in division one, 4-6 in division 2, 7-9 in division 3, and 10-12 in division 4. Students in each division will play in three different rounds. The first two rounds will be private, but the third round will be open for their families and friends to view in the Music Building room 101.

After the third round, students will then be given a

critique sheets with constructive criticism in a friendly environment.

Yu-Ling Chen, assistant professor in the music department, said her favorite part about the piano contest is “seeing kids that will come to play from grade one to their senior year, and being able to see that growth as they perform each year.”

The piano competition is held in memory of James Breckenridge who was once a professor of piano. He served as chair of the keyboard department and taught advanced performance and pedagogy. He was also the founder and director of the SWOSU National Piano Camp.

## Campus hosts speech and debate tourney

By TJ Comstock  
Staff Reporter

The SWOSU Speech and Debate Club met Feb. 14 to discuss future plans as well as tournaments being held on campus. Robin Jones, chair of the Department of Art, Communication, and Theatre, supervises the club.

SWOSU will host the high school qualifying tournament Feb 24-25th as well as the high school regional tournament March 24-25<sup>th</sup>. SWOSU has hosted a speech and debate tournament on campus for more than 20 years.

“If anyone wants to help help organize or judge either one of the tournaments please feel free to contact me.”

Jones can be contacted at 580.774.3080 or at [robin.jones@swosu.edu](mailto:robin.jones@swosu.edu). The two-day high school tournament featuring Class 3A and 4A schools will begin on Friday with debate around 3 p.m. and continue on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The tournament will be held in classrooms of the Campbell Building and Art Building with the awards presentation on Saturday at the Hilltop Theatre.

Friday’s events will include Lincoln/Douglas debate and cross-examination debate.

Saturday’s events are monologue, original oratory, standard oratory, humorous interpretation, humorous duet, dramatic interpretation, dramatic duet, domestic extempo-

aneous speaking, foreign extemporaneous speaking, poetry and prose.

First, second and third place teams will qualify for the Southwest Regional Tournament that will be held at SWOSU on March 24-25. The top three from the regional tournament will compete in April at the state tournament.

“All these tournaments have a positive effect on SWOSU,” Jones said. “Its really good recruiting for SWOSU. It gets a lot of high school students from the area on campus.”

SWOSU Speech and Debate Club students will not participate in a collegiate tournament this year because of a schedule conflict for many club members also involved in theatre.

“This semester the only in-state tournament is the same weekend as the Theatre departments production of *You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown*,” Jones said. “So there will not be any tournaments until the fall semester,” Jones said.

Jones said the Speech & Debate Club has just reformed after several years.

“This has been a building year, and we just elected officers. We have just been taking the time to find material and times to meet,” she said.

Jones said anyone interested in the club can come to Art 405 on campus. The club meets every other Tuesday, and their next meeting will be Feb. 28.

## Taj Express Panorama tickets set to go on sale Monday

By Nathan McGraw  
Staff Reporter

Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical Revue will perform at as part of the Panorama Series at 7:30 p.m. on April 4 in the Fine Arts Center. The performance portrays modern Indian culture through vibrant colors, dancing and live music. Along with the culture, the show brings positive outlook on life by providing a different view on dance and music. The show has very high reviews and is produced by the Merchant sisters Vaibhavi and Shruti.

Freshman Korbin Perkey plans on going to the event. Perkey believes it is good for the Panorama Series to bring in international acts.

“I feel like it would benefit SWOSU by allowing different cultures to come together and learn,” Perkey said.

Tickets go on sale Monday and can be purchased online or in the Public Relations and Marketing office. Ticket prices are \$5 with a SWOSU I.D., \$10 for the general public, and \$20 at the door.

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can win \$1000.”

Last year’s winners were the team of Laraine Wright and John Fischer of Weatherford for their song/piano performance of “Forever” and Larry Cribbs of Olney, TX for his guitar/song performance of “Wear My Ring” & “Ignition.” Admission is free of charge. Community members including friends and families are welcome to attend. Winners will be judge and announced at the end of the night.

“This event is important as it showcases some our students’ amazing talents and it brings together our community in supporting our students here at SWOSU,” Martinez said.

SWOSU Student Government President Tanner Boyd is host for the evening. Up for grabs is \$1,000 to the first place winner and \$500 to second place.

The 10 acts are:

- Dakota Davis-Woodward
- Jordan Longstreth-Oklahoma City
- Joseph Suderman- Weatherford
- Donovan Ratcliffe-El Reno
- Mark Matli & Yesterday’s Pants- Enid
- Stephanie Buehler- Oklahoma City
- Laramie Wright & Jon Fischer- Weatherford
- Olivia Sackett-Oklahoma City
- Grant Scowden, Bryce Butcher-Wister, Elk City

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### SWOSU Snapshot

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Everett Dobson School of Business and Technology invited companies across the state to have booths at the 2017 SWOSU Business Career Fair on Wednesday, February 15, on the Weatherford campus.

Photos by Harry Le

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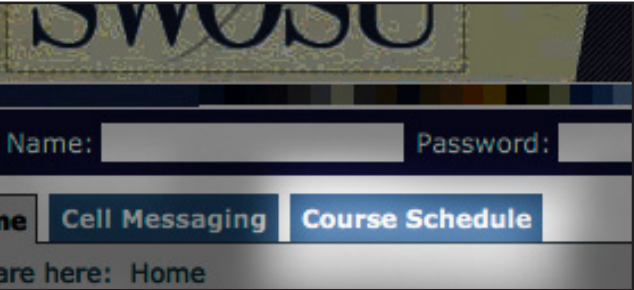
# Unique courses offered for fall



Students can access the course schedule through MySWOSU to get an idea of electives they want to take.

By Brylee Vandiver  
Staff Reporter

If students want to learn how to survive in the wilderness, they can next semester. As fall enrollment begins, students may notice some unique classes available. Along with Wilderness Survival, you can take White Water Rafting, a basic handgun class, and other firearms classes. If this doesn't satisfy your need for wilderness classes, you could try taking the class on scuba diving. If the outdoors isn't for you, some more traditional but still unique classes include Medieval England, World Mythology, and Sports Officiating.

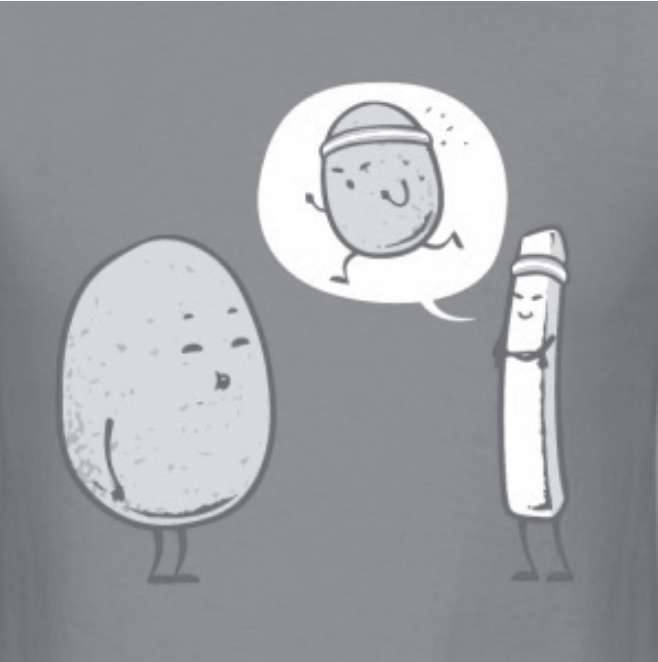


T.J. Comstock, a senior mass communications major from Arapaho, said his favorite class at SWOSU so far has been Imperial Russia, taught by Dr. John Hayden. When asked what the most interesting thing he remembers about this class was he said, "That Russia's choice for Christianity as its religion was based on the fact that they could still drink." Comstock said that he would definitely recommend this interesting class to other students. From Opera Workshop to Media and Mental Illness to Olympism and Olympics, SWOSU offers a wide variety of interesting classes for students to learn new, and unique things. Enrollment for the fall semester for juniors and seniors began Monday, Feb. 20.

# Wellness center assists with fitness 'journey'

By Monica Posas  
Staff Reporter

Over a month has passed since 2017 began, and the eagerness to pursue a resolution of being active and fit may be dwindling for some students. However, group exercises may help keep students motivated and on track. The Wellness Center is here to "help everyone obtain their goals," said Scott Miller, the center's director. "Whatever physical goals they've set for themselves, we'll help them through that journey." The Wellness Center currently offers ab classes for students and staff on Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. These classes will end next week, but Miller is currently arranging for Zumba classes to take its place. A popular class at the Wellness Center is yoga. "Yoga is growing like a crazy," Miller said. Miller credits the success of yoga to instructor Angela Fleming.



that is not currently offered, Miller is willing to make it happen at the Wellness Center if the demand for it is high. If someone is qualified or has experience in teaching a fitness class, Miller encourages them to contact him about becoming a part of their staff. He can be reached at 774-3187 or by email at [scott.miller@swosu.edu](mailto:scott.miller@swosu.edu).

## Crossword (courtesy of mirroreyes.com)

- ACROSS**
- Valleys
  - One who accomplishes
  - Smelting waste
  - Make into law
  - Church alcove
  - Layer
  - France's longest river
  - Cleave
  - Indian music
  - Constrained
  - Module
  - Fizzy drink
  - Enclose in
  - Throb
  - Damp
  - Excluding
  - Cry out
  - Nights before
  - Jackets and trousers
  - A former Turkish term of respect
  - Continuing forever
  - Defrost
  - Lascivious look
  - Hairdo
  - Attempt
  - Weep
  - Misplaced
  - Out of fashion
  - Command (archaic)
  - Winglike
  - Hidalgo
  - A city in western Russia
  - Mats of grass
  - Unsophisticated
  - French for "State"
  - Melody
  - Type of poplar tree
  - Arid
  - Not nays
  - Lascivious looks

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  - Nonclerical
  - Beige
  - Stalks
  - Presumptuously daring
  - Perform surgery on
  - Feudal worker
  - Blush
  - Functional
  - Tropical vine
  - Auspices
  - Grille
  - Genuflected
  - Schnozzola
  - Blown away
  - Eatery
  - High fidelity
  - Voters
  - Prophetesses
  - Data
  - Sailors
  - Notch
  - Egghead
  - Secret meeting
  - Spiny anteater
  - Frothy
  - Days of the month
  - Wash out with a solvent
  - Of the cheekbone
  - Anagram of "Talon"
  - Debauchee
  - Carryall
  - Fully developed
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# Spring break from page 1

"One of the reasons we do this is because they're going to be with all kinds of people, and we want them to know what tools are available," said Dean of Students Cindy Dougherty. The program will begin the first of March and last until the beginning of Spring Break. Students who want to educate themselves on how to have a safe spring break will hardly have any trouble doing so. Once the promotion week begins, flyers and pamphlets with information regarding counseling and safety tips will adorn walls and desks all throughout campus. Furthermore, the administration will be discussing all things related to Spring Break safety on Vanessa Valli's radio talk show "Conversation Corner" on 95.5 the Coyote.

## Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, February 22, 2017**
- All Day Bacchus Network Education Month
  - All Day Room and Board Late Fee
  - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Music Scholarship Auditions
  - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Tech Career EXPO
  - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM OKcollegestart Educators Workshop
  - 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM St. Eugene Catholic Church College Lunch
  - 12:50 PM - 5:00 PM ACT Residual Exam
  - 12:50 PM - 1:50 PM SWOSU Flute Association Business Meeting
  - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Zero Card Presentation
  - 2:00 PM Baseball at UCO
  - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Zero Card Presentation
  - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Music Therapy Awareness
  - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Kappa Kappa Psi Meeting
  - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tau Beta Sigma Meeting
  - 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM DND Club Group 3
  - 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM KappaKappaPsi MC Meeting
- Thursday, February 23, 2017**
- All Day OSSAA Class B Area Tournament
  - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Music Scholarship Auditions
  - 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM N.A.S.A. Meeting
  - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Women's Basketball vs. Ouachita Baptist University
  - 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Student Gov. Meeting
  - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Faculty Chamber Recital
  - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM SWOSU Talent Show
  - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Men's Basketball vs. Ouachita Baptist University
  - 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM FC College Circle
  - 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM SISA Meeting
- Friday, February 24, 2017**
- Late Fee Penalty in Effect
  - All Day OSSAA Class B Area Tournament
  - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Music Scholarship Auditions
  - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation Board Meeting
  - 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Softball vs. Harding University (DH)
  - 2:00 PM Baseball at Harding University
  - 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM PhiAlphaTheta Conference
  - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bingo Night at Rx Brew
- Saturday, February 25, 2017**
- All Day OSSAA Class B Area Tournament
  - 8:30 AM Miss SWOSU & SWOSU's Teen Winter Meeting
  - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM James Breckenridge Memorial Piano Competition
  - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM Softball vs. Harding University (DH)
  - 12:00 PM Baseball at Harding University (DH)
  - 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM PhiAlphaTheta Conference
  - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Women's Basketball vs. Henderson State University
  - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Men's Basketball vs. Henderson State University
- Sunday, February 26, 2017**
- 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Guest Artist-Cobus Du Toit
  - 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Sigma Sigma Chi Meeting
  - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM PhiDeltaTheta Chapter Meeting
  - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM SASA General Meeting
  - 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Sigma Alpha Iota Colony Business Meeting
  - 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM TKE meeting
  - 10:00 PM - 11:59 PM Phi Mu Alpha Weekly Review
- Monday, February 27, 2017**
- All Day Enrollment for Summer & Fall begins for Sophomores
  - All Day Tickets on Sale-Panorama Taj Express
  - 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Last Day to Drop 1st 8-Week Classes with Instructor Permission
  - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Music Scholarship Auditions
  - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Senior Art Exhibition
  - 8:50 AM - 1:00 PM ACT Residual Exam
  - 11:50 AM - 1:00 PM READ Mentor Program
  - 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM SWOSU Single Parent's Network Support Meeting I
  - 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Phi Mu Alpha Weekly MC Meeting
  - 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Zeta Phi Weekly Meeting
- Tuesday, February 28, 2017**
- 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM SAI Colony Bakesale
  - 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Senior Art Exhibition
  - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM SWOSU Single Parent's Network Support Meeting II
  - 12:50 PM - 5:00 PM ACT Residual Exam
  - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Miss SWOSU Committee
  - 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM CAB Meeting
  - 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Pi Kappa Delta Meeting
  - 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM DND Club Group 1



# FEATURES

## Restaurant Review:

## Casa Soto

By Amber Trogdon  
*Staff Reporter*

There are so many restaurants from which to choose in Weatherford, but I enjoy going to eat at places where I feel more at home. And that's why I enjoy going to Casa Soto.

Casa Soto is a family-owned restaurant, and when you are enjoying a meal there, you feel like part of the family as well.

I normally order enchiladas when I eat Mexican food, but this time was different. When we got seated, I decided I would try one of the more "famous" entrees. I couldn't decide between chile rellenos or the street tacos. Our server Landon, who was awesome, said we should try the street

tacos. Along with my street tacos I ordered a side of guacamole, because why not?

When our food came out, I could see right away why they were the highlight of the menu. The corn tortillas were filled with Asada steak and a lime wedge on the side. The combination made for a great extra flavor on the meat.

We were too full from our delicious street tacos for a sopapilla. But those street tacos were definitely the best. I'm glad I decided to venture off and try something new. It's always such a pleasure eating at Casa Soto. With the friendly environment and great food, it's the best choice.

Casa Soto is located at 115 SW Main St. in Weatherford. Their hours are Monday through Saturday 11 a.m.-9:00 p.m.



Photo Courtesy barclaycardtravel.com

## ... But I saw it on the Internet: Fake vs Real news



Photo Courtesy CNNMoney

By Ethan Lesley  
*Staff Reporter*

You open Facebook and you see that a friend shared a link: "You won't believe what Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump gave to Russia." Is it real? Is it fake? Is it satire?

Lately the media has been the center of a lot of discussion over satire, fake news, and real news.

Satire news is parody news typically making fun of current happenings in the media. Sites like The Onion have been doing this for years and can fool someone if they are not paying attention to details.

Fake news is designed to rile people up and make people feel strong emotions towards opposing viewpoints.

A grudge match of a presidential election last November has made fake news a relevant topic. Always check the website the news is offered on, the writer and the sources used.

"Usually I can tell just by looking at the validity of the source it has come from and if they use biased dialogue," said Jackson Herring, pharmacy major.

Fake news has been used by the people creating it as a new form of propaganda.

Experts say to be wary of clickbait titles and to do some research on the articles you read before believing them.

Real news has been hard to distinguish as of late.

"With all of the social media elements now it has been to find real news." Jackson Herring said.

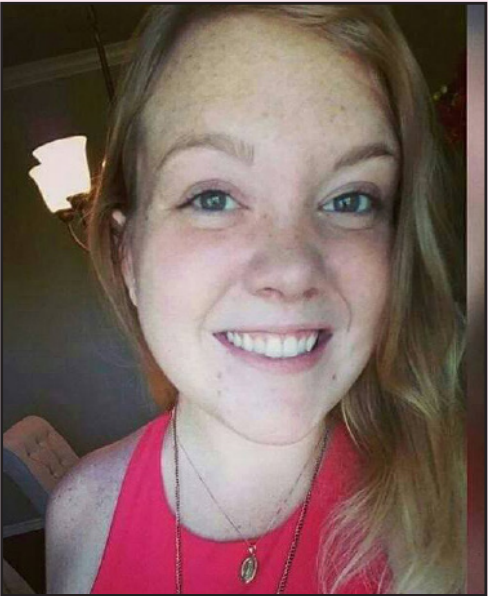
Where it was published and who wrote it play a big part in telling if the news is real and credible. All facts in real news can be checked and verified as true.

When checking the internet for news be wary and check the facts, don't get fooled by satire or fake news.

## Piano hits the right note for Reffner

By Brent Williams  
*Staff Reporter*

Students bring many differences with them to campus. Along with their differences come their interesting hobbies. Hannah Reffner, junior psychology major from Yukon simply enjoys the musical pleasure of playing the piano.



Reffner loves to play her Kohler and Campbell upright piano after long days.

Reffner has been a pianist since she was 8 years old. She plays her piano at least once a week, give or take a few vacations.

Living with someone can lead to picking up some of their traits and interests just like Reffner did when it came to her musical talent.

"Growing up in a musical house it was easy to learn the piano," she said. "Music

is always playing through the house! Night and day."

Some of it may have come specifically from her father.

"My dad is a great guitarist and plays at some venues in Yukon, nothing big though," Reffner said. "But I have played at a butt load of piano recitals all around Oklahoma."

Reffner has played in a total of 25 recitals and other performances like choir before she started attending SWOSU.

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# SPORTS

## Bailey leads women's rodeo team to first place finish at Kansas State

Behind a stellar weekend from senior Stacey Bailey, the SWOSU Women's Rodeo team returned to action triumphantly with a first-place finish at Kansas State while the men's team came in eighth place at the rodeo.

Bailey finished as the All-Around Cowgirl at the Rodeo after placing first in the average of both Goat Tying and Barrel Racing, which helped lift her team to a runaway victory.

SWOSU totaled 635 points, nearly doubling up second-place Panhandle State with 320. In goat tying, Bailey won the long round in 6.2 seconds got second in the short go in 6.3 seconds to earn the average win and her consistent times of 12.63 seconds in barrel racing put her third in each round of the event but was just fast enough to win the average their as well.

Other top finishers for the women's team included Kenzie Huffman, who was second in the average of breakaway and fourth in goat tying, and Paige Wiseman, who split sixth in breakaway and claimed seventh place in the average of goat tying.

SWOSU's Men's team totaled 130 points at the rodeo to finish in eighth place of a balanced and competitive event. Nick Shenold was the Bulldogs' top performer, getting rides of 68 and 64 points in Saddle Bronc to place second in the average. Taran Knox was 48 points in the long round of Saddle Bronc, but a no-score in the short round left him at eighth in the average. Alex Phelps was 7.0 seconds in his



**Stacey Bailey shows off the awards she won during last weekend's rodeo at Kansas State. Bailey won the All-Around Cowgirl at the rodeo.**

first round of Steer Wrestling, but a no-time in the short go placed him ninth in the average.

"Our women's team showed us all what they are capable of this weekend," SWOSU Head Coach Mike Visnieski said. "I'm happy for Stacey Bailey, who had a great showing at the rodeo and I appreciate the focus and determination of our whole team to compete at their best."

SWOSU Rodeo returns to action on March 3-5 at the Fort Scott Community College Rodeo in Fort Scott, Kansas.

## Baseball team drops two weekend games

**By Larkin Wisdom**  
*Staff Reporter*

Southwestern baseball has kicked off the season.

SWOSU dropped both games of their double-header against Arkansas Tech on Saturday to open up Great American Conference play 0-3.

SWOSU will play a mid-week game in Edmond against Central Oklahoma on Wednesday before traveling to Searcy, Arkansas to take on Harding in the second GAC series of the season on Friday and Saturday.

The Bulldogs opened up at Panhandle State on Feb. 4, sweeping the doubleheader in Goodwell.

SWOSU won the first game 2-1 in eight innings and won game two 11-1.

The Bulldogs were led in home runs by senior catcher Joel Baxley, junior left fielder Rafael Otero and junior third baseman Rogelio Sanchez.

Jason Nichols also had a big day at the plate as he went four-for-seven in the doubleheader with two



**Members of the baseball team celebrate a run.**

runs batted in and two doubles.

On Feb. 8 the Bulldogs opened their home schedule with a win 3-2 win over Central Oklahoma. From there, the Bulldogs dropped three out of four to Cameron in a home and home double header series.

"The tough part about the Cameron series was

the wind," said senior pitcher Vincent Berrones. "It made an already tough line up even tougher to get out. It was definitely a tough weekend to be a pitcher as the staff gave up a total of 46 runs," Berrones said.

"The positive part about the weekend was that our offense scored 36 runs and swung the bat

really well," he said.

The baseball team won the Great American Conference last year after starting 1-5 in their first six games. They open up their conference title defense at home on Friday, Feb. 17 against Arkansas Tech. Games two and three of the series will be played on Saturday, Feb. 18.

## Donaldson claims GAC weekly honor

SWOSU Softball freshman Kaytlin Donaldson helped her team to a perfect 4-0 weekend at the Midwestern State Round Robin over the weekend and Tuesday she was rewarded by being named the Great American Conference Co-Player of the Week.

Donaldson started three of the Bulldogs four games in Wichita Falls, hitting .500 with five hits – including two home runs – along with four RBI and four runs scored. She also drew two walks, giving her an on-base percentage of .583 while she had a slugging percentage of 1.100.



The freshman from Ceres, Calif., started at first base in the Bulldogs wins over Colorado Mines and Southwest Baptist before moving over to the designated player against Missouri S&T. She had a home run in both of the last two games, including the go-ahead two-run home run in the top of the seventh of a come-

earn a GAC weekly honor in the six-year history of the conference.

With the victories, SWOSU Softball improved to 6-4 on the year with a week off before returning to action on February 24-25 against Harding.

from-behind victory over S&T. Donaldson also saw time in the pitching circle in three games, allowing nine runs – six earned – on nine hits in 5.0 total innings.

Donaldson becomes the first SWOSU Softball player to earn conference weekly honors since Adrienne Martinez garnered the Player of the Week award on April 14, 2015, and she's now just the fifth player to



**Junior Devin Pugh and Senior Markeise Champion**

## Bulldogs drop game to Southeastern State

**By Vincent Berrones**  
*Staff Reporter*

In the most recent basketball action, SWOSU lost on the road, 86-59, to Southeastern Oklahoma State. SWOSU got a career-high 16 points from Geoffery Hightower, who was 5-of-9 from the three-point range. Nick Shoemaker was also hot from outside, hitting four three-pointers for 12 points. Markeise Champion reached double figures again with 10 points on 4-of-14 shooting. SWOSU (6-19, 3-16 GAC) plays their final two games of the year at home, starting Monday when they host Southern Nazarene. The signature win from last week was against Northwestern. They beat the Rangers 73-67.

"It felt good to win that game. Getting off a losing streak like that against our rival at home, is a nice feeling," junior Devin Pugh said.

Even with the win, the Bulldogs have been eliminated from the playoffs. However, they plan to play hard for the rest of the season.

"We just have to continue to play with that kind of fight and enthusiasm the rest of the year and finish this thing out strong," Pugh said.

The Bulldogs will look to build off their Monday night victory as they take on the Bison of Oklahoma Baptist University at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16, in the PCEC.

## Lady Bulldogs fall to Southeastern

Southeastern Oklahoma State started Saturday's crucial conference matchup on a 12-4 run and led wire-to-wire as the Savage Storm defeated SWOSU 89-69 inside Bloomer Sullivan Arena in Durant. The victory gives Southeastern a one and a half game lead over the Lady Bulldogs for third place in the conference standing with one week remaining in the regular season.

SWOSU shot the ball well, connecting on 43.3% (26-60) of their field goal attempts, but it was not enough to keep up with the hot-shooting from the Savage Storm, who hit better than 50% of their shots from the field (33-65) while knocking down nine three-pointers. While the Lady Bulldogs overall shooting percentage was fine, the struggled from long range by knocking down just 5-of-23 (21.7%) attempts from distance.

Tyra Aska was the lone Lady Bulldog to hit multiple three-pointers, going 2-for-6 from deep and 6-for-15 from the field overall to lead SWOSU with 16 points. Hayden Priddy added 13 points, six rebounds and five assists while Hailey Tucker had 12 points and Savannah Gray chipped in 10. SWOSU's bench provided just 14 points in the game while Southeastern got 29 points from their reserves.

The loss drops SWOSU to 16-9 on the year and 12-7 in Great American Conference play with three games remaining. All three of those games will be played at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, beginning on Monday evening against Southern Nazarene.

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## RA OF THE MONTH

Phillip Nguyen is a first year R.A. working at Jefferson Hall, and is the Residence Life & Housing R.A. of the Month for February. He is a biology major who enjoys spending his time taking long walks on the beach, playing ping-pong, playing basketball, and spending time with the wonderful residents that live here on the SWOSU campus. He became an R.A. to make an impact on campus, and help his fellow students. Phillip's favorite SWOSU moment was attending the R.A. training retreat. Where he was able to bond with his fellow R.A.s. Phillip wants you all to remember this "Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else." -Margaret Mead



# Res Life

## Spa Night at Oklahoma Hall

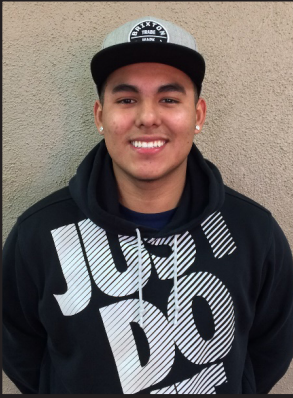
Oklahoma Hall will be hosting a "Spa Night" on Tuesday, March 7th at 8 pm. The Oklahoma Hall lobby will be transformed into a mini-spa with various activities and events designed to pamper our residents. There will be different facials, beauty products, and nail polish options for the residents to try. There will also be healthy smoothie options and snacks. The goal of the night is to help residents learn how to love and take care of themselves. Come out for an evening of food, fun, pampering, and relaxation!

## PICS OF RES LIFE



## Resident Spotlight Angel Martinez

**Hometown:** OKC, OK  
**Classification:** Freshman  
**Major:** Dentistry  
**Resident Hall:** Neff Hall



### Why did you choose your major?

I chose my major because I had braces on twice and I like to smile; I want people to feel the same way.

### What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are working out, playing sports, and listening to all types of music.

### Who's been a major influence in your life?

A person who has been a major influence in my life has been my father because he showed me how to be a good man.

### What's your favorite SWOSU moment?

My favorite moment is all the friends I made.

## Resident Spotlight Rebecca Shanklin

**Hometown:** Calumet, OK  
**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Natural Science Secondary Education  
**Building:** Stewart Hall



### Why did you choose SWOSU?

I chose SWOSU because I love the small town feel while still being a college town.

### What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are reading, horseback riding and writing.

### What do you want to do when you graduate?

When I graduate, I want to work in El Reno Public Schools as a Biology teacher.

### What is your favorite SWOSU moment?

My favorite SWOSU moment I have actually experienced twice-- once, as an incoming freshman and once as an Orientation Leader - It is Mass Orientation. The whole event is just full of promise.

### ResLIFE Happenings

February		
What	When	Where
Hall Party	February 23 <sup>rd</sup> 9pm	Stewart Hall Lobby
Oscar Watch Party	February 26 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	Stewart Hall Lobby
March		
What	When	Where
Neff Hall's Root Beer Pong Tournament	March 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7pm	Neff Hall Lobby
Jefferson Hall's Root Beer Pong Tournament	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> TBA	Jefferson Hall
Health & Safety Checks	March 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> 10am-10pm	Residence Halls
Spa Night	March 7 <sup>th</sup> 8pm	Oklahoma Hall Lobby
Extreme PB&J	March 9 <sup>th</sup> 6pm	Neff Hall Lobby
Thunder Watch Party	March 9 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Stewart Hall Lobby
March Madness Tournament	March 13 <sup>th</sup> TBA	Black Kettle Hall

